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CP08>NICARAGUA/USSR>RATHER: U.S. intelligence officials tell CBS News tonight that a Soviet freighter is on its way to Nicaragua and that it may be carrying MiG-21 jet fighters. Pentagon correspondent David Martin reports that the freighter left a Black Sea port last September, shortly after President Reagan met with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko. The U.S. officials cautioned that they do not have proof that MiGs are on board. But they do have satellite photographs which show that at the time the ship was being loaded, a dozen crates similar to those used to transport MiG-21s disappeared from the pier. The Reagan administration has warned Moscow not to send fighter aircraft to Nicaragua. If those planes are on the ship, one U.S. option being considered is a surprise attack to destroy it. <